

YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

FINE PONE

Hey, Boomers!

Way to go! Three whole years of suffering the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge have paid off! It does my pleasure circuits the power of good to tell you that the UK's official Sega-powered comic has reached its triple birthday issue (stirring round of applause!).

I'm glad I installed my heavy-duty batteries, 'cos not only is there a fabulous free gift - the super Sonic Spinner on the front cover - but there are three new stories...

Sonic stars in Return to the Miracle Planet and Revolution, and there's even a treat for Tails fans in a complete new story, called Grounded. Alas, the Ghost Ship sails into the sunset with the final episode (let *STC* know if you want to see more of Captain Plunder).

There's also a Sega compo where you could win one of 80 T-shirt's, plus there's news on Segaworld... and just in case you missed the launch, there's a chance to scope out the Sega Saturn game True Pinball in the Review Zone. All this, and of course, the regular Q Zone wriggles your way in the form of Earthworm Jim 2.

Gotta go now, those lazy humes want more crispy bits and squash! I'd just like to say a mega-huge thank you to the Boomers who have stuck with STC since the onset, and to those who have joined along the way. Believe me, you ain't seen nothing yet!

Mebadroix

ALL CHANGE! STC on sale Wednesdays!

So much for the old hume saying about Wednesdays being full of woe! As from 12 June, Wednesdays are going to be a lot brighter. As from the next issue (STC 80), Sonic and co will be available in the shops every alternate Wednesday (not Saturday).

Could this be a ploy by Doctor Robotnik to try and baffle you Boomers? Don't be foiled, make a note in your calendars and choose **Wednesdays** as your fave day of the week (fortnight!).



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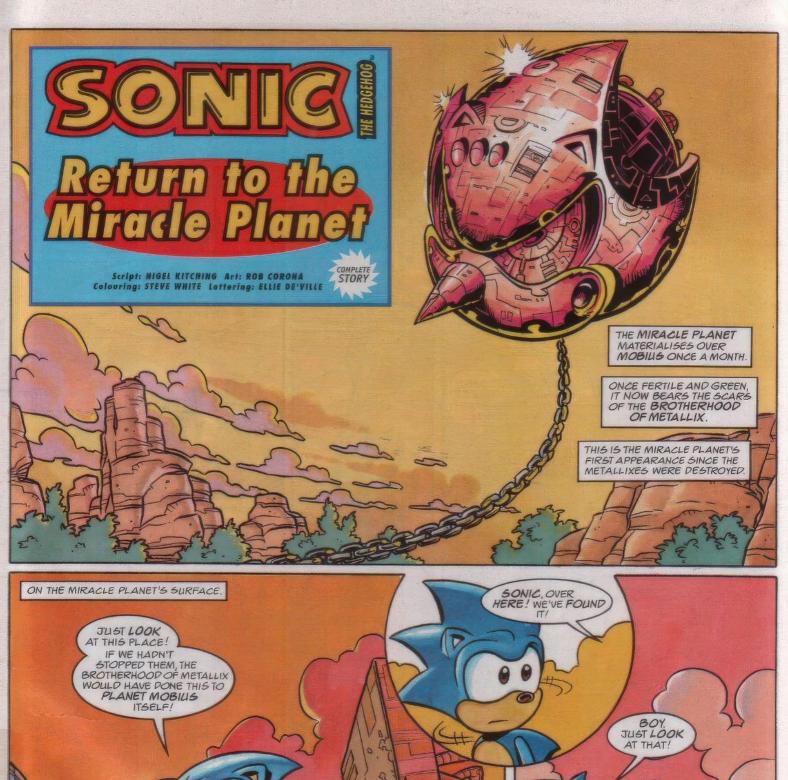
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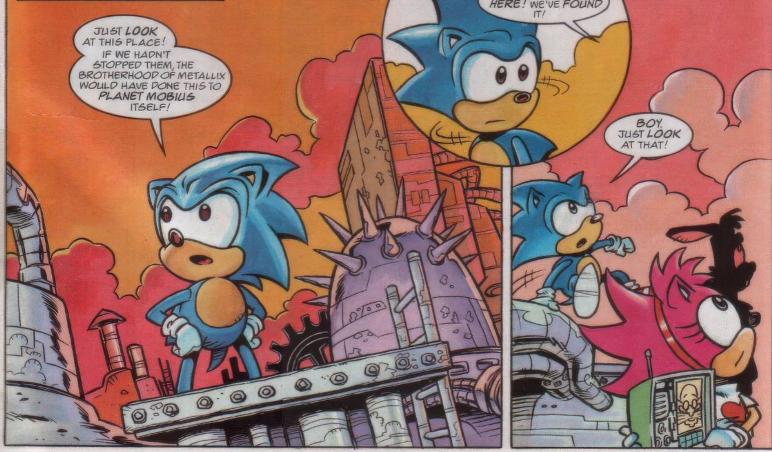
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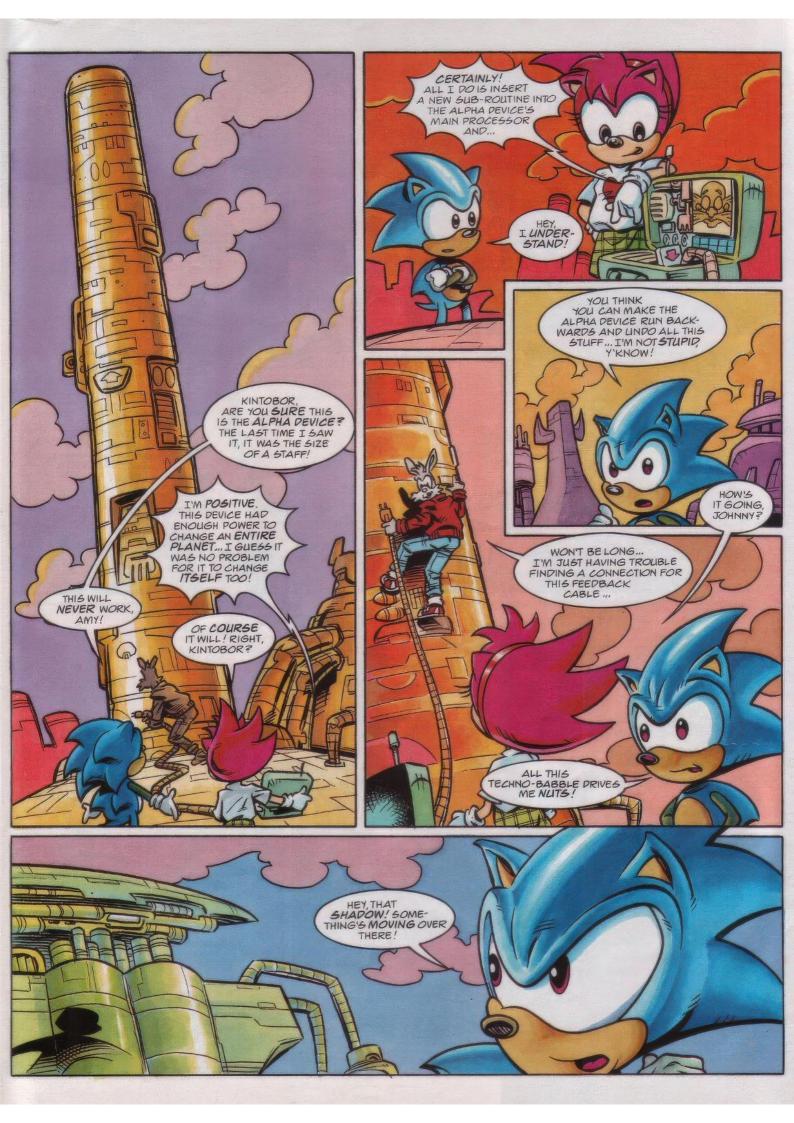
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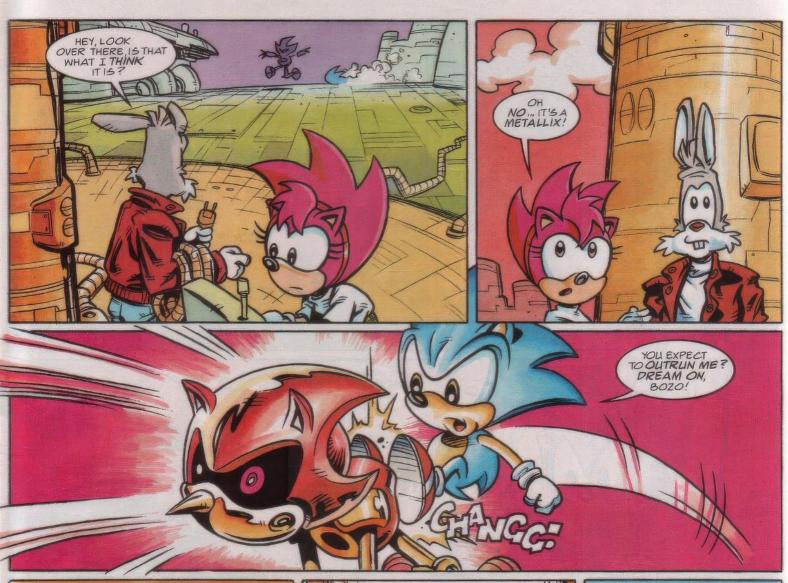
























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FROM MY CELL, BUT
THERE WAS NO WAY I
COULD GET OFF THE
PLANET.

SO I DISGUISED
MYSELF AS A METALLIX,
USING PARTS I STOLE FROM
THEIR ASSEMBLY
LINE.









YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM
UNDER 40 = YAWNSVILLE

40-70 = NORMALSVILLE 70-80 = FUN CITY 80-90 = BIG TIME CITY OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

TRUE PINBALL

Reviewed by David Gibbon



GAME TYPE: PLATFORM PLAYERS: 1-8

PUBLISHER: OCEAN PRICE: £44.99

RELEASE DATE: MAY AGE RANGE: 8+

You'll either love Pinball or hate it, but for all those who experienced playing Psycho Pinball on the Mega Drive, you'll know how addictive and fun it really can be.



Unlike most other pinball games, **True Pinball** for the Saturn is different in that it's played using either a 2D or 3D perspective. Graphically superb, using 32,000 colours, the game has four



different
tables,
which
range from
Law 'N'
Justice
through to
Extreme
Sports, as
well as
dozens of
sub games
such as
casinos,



gyms and shooting ranges. Each table can be tilted through a number of 3D angles, offering increased playability and gameplay.

With up to eight people playing and up to 10 balls on the table at any time, True Pinball is a game that offers so much excitement and fun that you'll still be going back to play it in six months time!











































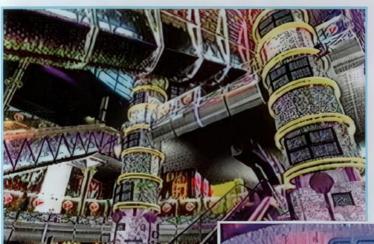






SECANORIO ... REPORT BY CHRISTOPHER JONES.

This August sees the opening of **Segaworld** at the Trocadero in Piccadilly Circus, London. Work is already well under way to create a next generation theme park, spread over an incredible seven floors and packed with cutting edge games technology.



Sega's first futuractive indoor theme park giving the public a taste of the future of games entertainment was the Joypolis, which opened in 1994 in Japan. This has been a huge success with around one million people visiting each year.

Segaworld-will be a futuristic technological paradise in the heart of London. Upon entry you will be zoomed up to the

top floor by rocket escalator and then you can work your way down the floors, encountering the uniquely themed levels containing special rides and interactive experiences. Some of the themed areas include the Sports Area, Combat Zone, Race Track and Flight Deck.





Indeed, a trip to

Segaworld will be an experience that you get involved in. Six rides will be in place that exploit Mega Visor Display (MVD) technology. An MVD helmet will be fitted on a visitor and then a virtual reality image will be projected on it so that the visitor has a 360 degree view of the ride's environment.

For example, if looking down on the 'Space Mission' ride, your clothes will transform into a space suit! With a moving ride linked up to the projected images,

visitors will be able to interact with their surroundings.

The other five rides that will feature this exciting technology will be Beast in Darkness, AS1-Simulator, Mad Bazooka, Ghost Hunt and Aqua Planet. In fact, during tests on the Aqua Planet,

an under sea adventure, people actually held their breath because it seemed as though







they were really under water! The thrill of these rides is obvious; each visitor will feel like their time in the game was totally original and directly related to them.

Segaworld is expected to cost about £10-£15 in admission and it is thought that the average time spent trying out all the rides will be about four to

five hours ... Pretty thirsty work, but don't worry, there will be places to get food plus special Sega shops selling Sega goodies!

With one major new attraction set to open every

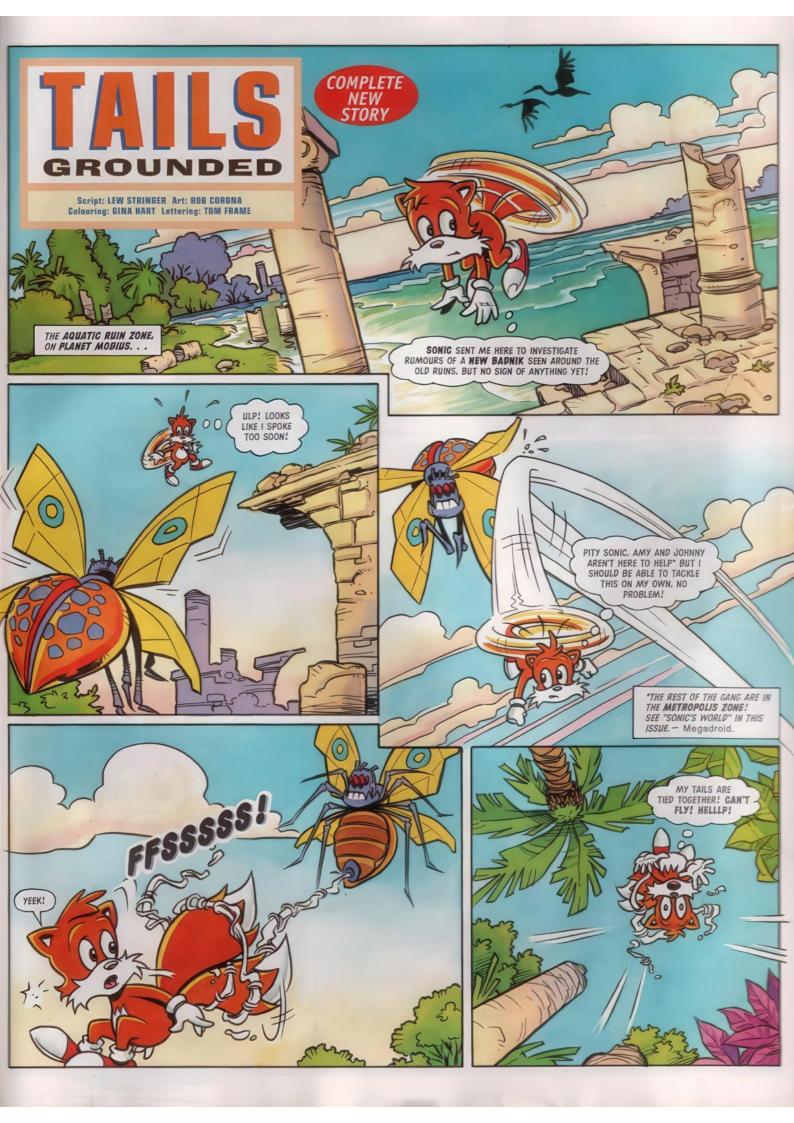
year and new technological developments rapidly incorporated, **Segaworld** will be a continual out-of-this-world experience.

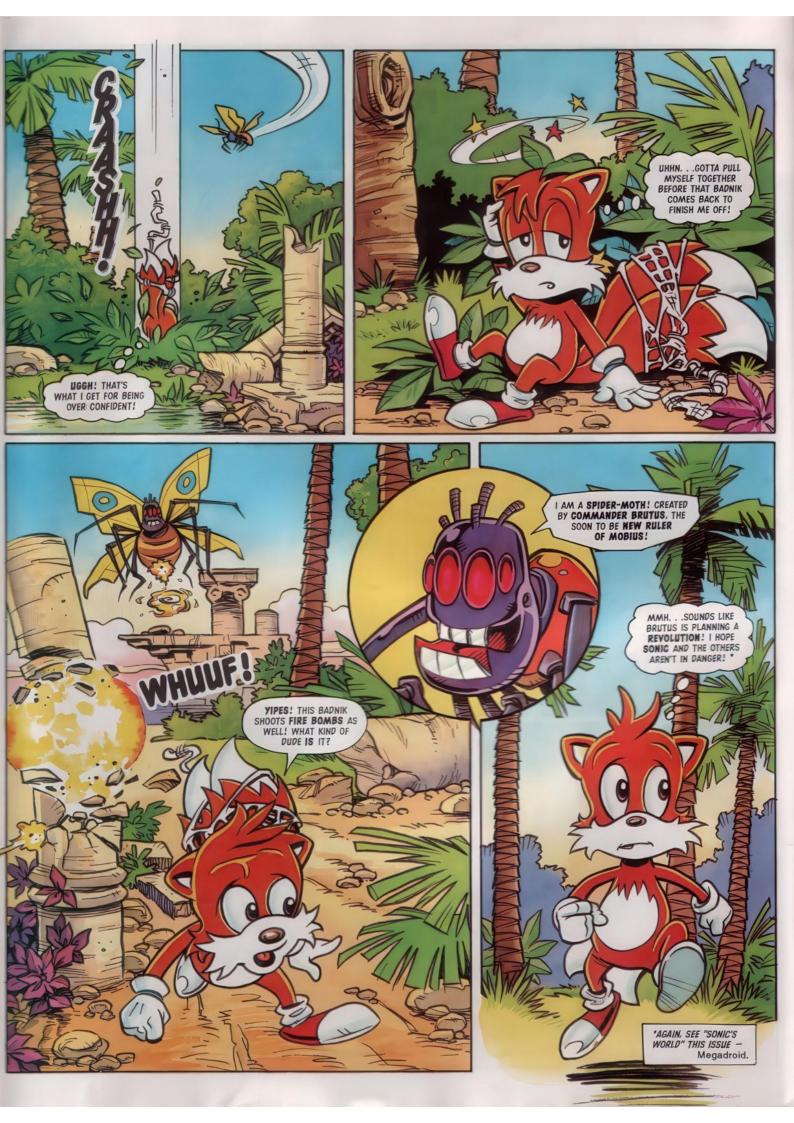
Watch out for more Segaworld news in STC.













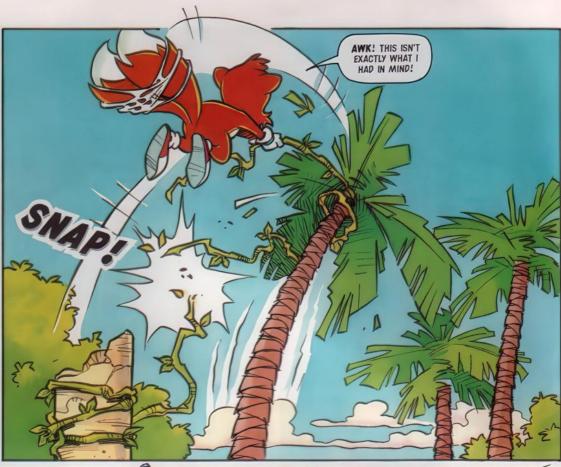










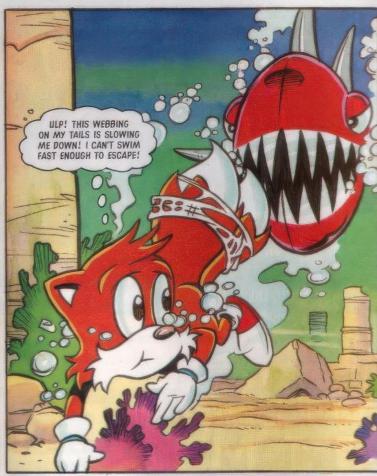








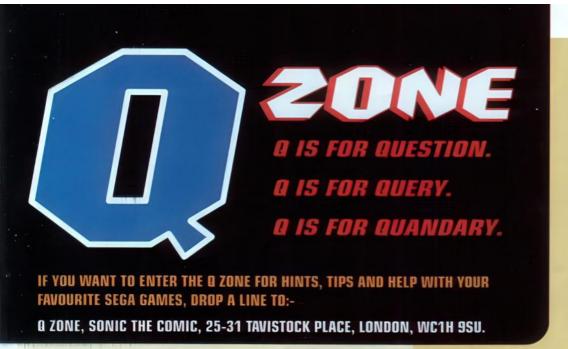


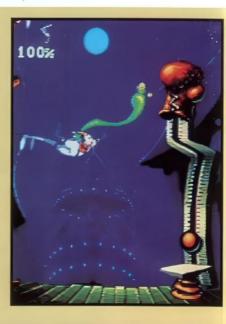












Here's a selection of codes and moves brought to you by **Chris Jones**.



The worm with attitude is back, and all he needs is you to guide him through the many interesting levels. This is the best platform game ever to hit the Mega Drive - it's an original and fun game, full of flashes of genius. The smooth animation of Jim is top class and his battle to prevent the evil Psycrow from marrying Princess What's-Her-Name takes you to many wonderful places. "Tender" as Jim himself might say!





Remember, it takes practice to make the following information work, so keep trying and you'll get the fun you deserve. J Ellerey of London and Samuel Bridgett of Surrey, this is for you.

LEVEL TIPS

ANYTHING BUT TANGERINES

To get past the lake, get a pig and put it on the slide before you try and cross the lake. Piggy will keep the bad guy busy. Remember, everything is reachable on this level. In general though, keep heading for the tops of the screen.



LORENZO'S SOIL

Use your gun to crumble rock away in order to allow you to progress. Spray gunfire around to create more rock fall. Again, the finish is ultimately reached by heading up. The piles of fallen rock will always help you out.

PUPPLY LOVE (LEVELS 3, 6 & 10)

Always go for the first pup thrown and follow the sequence. An attack by the dog will take 30% of your energy away. When the bomb appears, make sure you bounce it across. Three bombs home will let you progress.

BLIND CAVE SALAMANDER

Follow the arrows to get to the gameshow round. Use the money worm cheat to get extra meal worms that will give you more questions in the quiz. Good luck with trying to get the crazy answers.



CIRCUS OF SCARS

Avoid Evil the Cat who is flying around. Do not go on whatever spot he flies off the screen because that is where he comes back.

THE FLYIN' KING

Bump your balloon to the end of the level and shoot it near the monster to move on. If soldiers cling onto your ship, turn around several times to dislodge them. Get to the end faster by using the rockets at the top of the screen to give you and the balloon a push.

UDDERLY ABDUCTED

Get the Cows to their milking stations. Watch out for alien ships who want to steal your Fresians. And remember to dunk all the special Cow bombs in a vat of milk before the counter ticks out. Do this or allow it to be kidnapped and go off the screen with the alien, again before the timer runs out. Terrible consequences await if you fail here ... The homing gun and the whip can help break the cows free from the UFO's tractor beam.

ISO 9000

Use the mice to start the machinery. Get past the filing cabinets with the help of draw number two.

LEVEL ATE

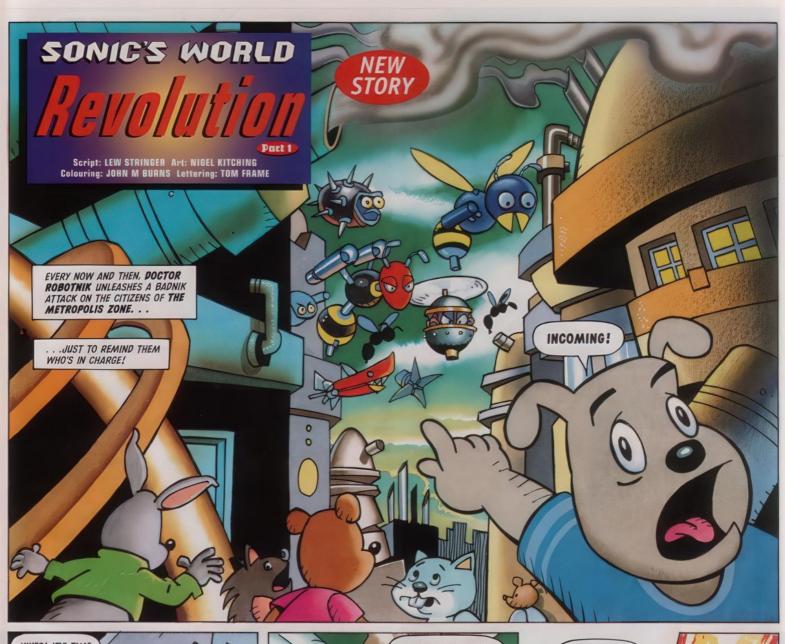
The salt shaker is invincible but you can shoot it to make it back off. Failing this, find another target for it.

SEE JIM RUN. RUN JIM RUN

No tips for the last level. Only those who "Think Jim, feel Jim and are Jim" will reach a state of Jimdom!



NEXT ISSUE: EARTHWORM JIM 2 CHEATS (AND MORE).











































Jack Wilson, Avonbridge, Scotland. Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

TWIST YER ARMADILLO

Dear Megadroid,

I have pin-ups of all the Chaotix Crew, except for Mighty the Armadillo. Why not do me a favour and print one of him, otherwise I'll come round and bust your circuits! Aden Carlile,

Newbold, Chesterfield. Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

Lucky for you Aden, you've caught me on a day when my circuits have just been oiled. As

I'm feeling rather generous and am prepared to overlook the fact that you forgot to say please, there'll be a Mighty pin-up in STC 80.

YELLOW WISH!

Dear Megadroid,

I would like to see more of the Super Sonic character in your stories, where Sonic changes his colour.

Michael Toomey, Sittingbourne, Kent. MD2 owner. Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

You won't have long to wait, Michael. Check out next issue's STC for the start of a new three parter, featuring Super Sonic, called The Furv.







Holly Chatwin, Boroughbridge, N Yorks. Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

WHO'S WHO!

Dear Megadroid,

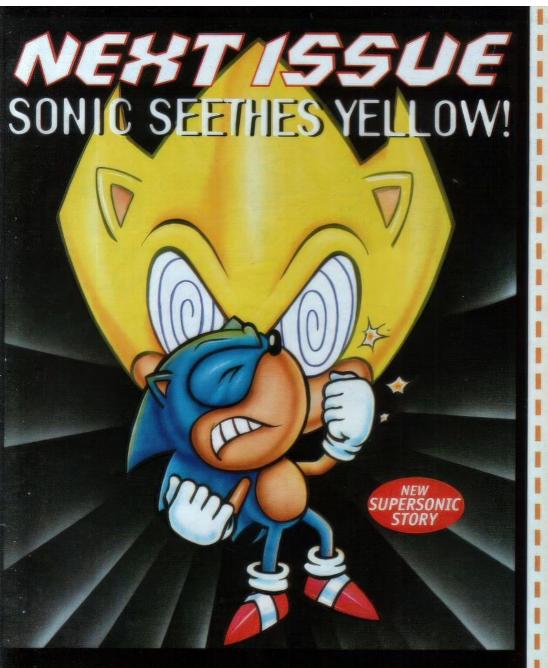
What are the names of the three Freedom Fighters - the bumble bee, the porcupine with the horn, and an alligator?

Charles Large, Wilmslow, Cheshire. Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Pay attention now, Charles. The three Freedom Fighters are Amy, Johnny and Porker

(although Porker has since moved to Knuckles' Floating Island). The descriptions you give are for the Chaotix Crew who include Charmy Bee, Espio the Chameleon and Vector the Crocodile. The fourth member is Mighty the Armadillo.





CHAOTIX CREW!

FUNDAMENTAL FOUR!

COMPLETE STORY

TAILS!

FLEA-BITTEN AGAIN!

SONIC'S WORLD!

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